

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,713,593 to Brice et al. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,476,974 to Moore.

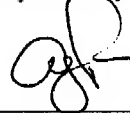
In response, claim 1 has been canceled and claims 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 2, to thereby obviate the foregoing rejections.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 2-8 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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